

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich  
KIICHIRO TAKAHASHI ET AL. ) Group Art Unit: 2625  
Application No.: 09/678,020 ) Confirmation No. 6101  
Filed: October 4, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS :  
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD ) February 13, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

#### A. Introduction

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2008, in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.